

Gilman Johnson (1934-2006)

Gilman (Gil) Johnson, 72, of Oakland, California passed away on July 15, 2006 from complications following surgery. Gil was the devoted husband of Robin Johnson for 48 years. He was the loving father of Shaun Johnson of Oakland and Jennifer Johnson recently of Berkeley, California.

In his youth, while serving in the US Army Corps of Engineers, he surveyed areas in Alaska, the Marshall Islands, Maine, and California for several years. Later Gil had a 35-year career at Berkeley Lab as a computer operator and systems manager.

With his keen sense of humor, uncanny memory, and masterful command of the English language, Gil could keep those in his company thoroughly enthralled. He was an unsung artist and had a strong aesthetic sense. He also had a great passion for vintage sailboats and aircraft. During the 70's he flew aerobatic planes out of the Oakland Airport.

Gil is survived by a brother, Neal Johnson and his wife, Arlene of Hawthorne, California and a sister Sonja Elzey of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition, Gil leaves behind two nieces, Nancy Zimmerman and Katheen Martin, and two nephews Richard and Robert Elzey. Gil is also survived by his brother and sister in law, John and Kay Johnston and a host of other relatives, family and friends.

A memorial will be planned in the garden of the family home at a later date.

The family may be contacted through Gil's son Shaun:  
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